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Applicant:	RIGAL ET AL.	Examiner:	FLOOD, M.
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Title:	PROCESS FOR THE MATURATION OF DENDRITIC CELLS AND FOR THE ACTIVATION OF MACROPHAGES WITH RU 41740		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 27, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements of the Examiner, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I, including claims 1, 3, 6-10, 21 and 22 with traverse.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement with regard to Group II, claim 2 and/or Group III, claims 4 and 5. Applicants submit that the Examiner has not established that it would be unduly burdensome to search these claims. With regard to claim 2, the subject matter of this claim is classified in the same class and subclass as the Group I claims. Moreover, a search of the subject matter of the claims of Group I is likely to include documents related to the subject matter of claim 2. With respect to claims 4 and 5, the subject matter of these claims is classified in the same class, and a search of the subject matter of the claims of Group I is likely to include documents related to the subject matter of claims 4 and 5. Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement with respect to claim 2 and/or claims 4 and 5.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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